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## SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This Second Preliminary Amendment and Response to Restriction Requirement are responsive in-part to the Communication mailed from the Patent and Trademark Office on November 13, 2002 (Paper No. 7).

Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-captioned application as follows.

## **IN THE CLAIMS:**

Kindly cancel Claims 56-104, 107 and 111-115 without prejudice to possible future prosecution.

Kindly amend the claims as follows: